

Cumberland Fire District Transitional Committee Meeting

Minutes October 28, 2013 7:00pm

Hayden Library

The commissioners for the Cumberland Fire District Transitional Committee in attendance – John McCoy NCFD, Michael Spaziani NCFD, James Leonard CFD, Arthur Cowell CHFD, James Scullin VFFD, Gerard Dion VFFD. Commissioners absent – Ron Champagne CHFD and Dana Jones CFD.

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm.

Motion to accept the minutes of the September meeting was made by John McCoy, seconded by Jim Leonard.
Motion carried unanimously.

Financial/Legal – The board is looking at Blue Cross.

Buildings & Apparatus – Major public safety complex is being discussed in the long term. Dana Jones will meet with Sean Thompson the head of the rescue department to discuss using the rescue headquarters for the new consolidated fire department headquarters. The commissioners don't think the mayor is interested in moving the rescue headquarters.

Labor – Nothing to Report.

Media – Gerry Dion met with the Valley Breeze he was hopeful that a series of articles would be written about the fire districts and the new combined district in the coming weeks.

Old Business

Public Safety Complex – see buildings & apparatus

Entry Level Firefighter Test – 8 took the test and 7 were interviewed. The top 4 will be re-interviewed. The top 3 candidates will be offered positions, 2 at NCFD and 1 at VFFD starting November 12, 2013. It was noted that the applicant pool is small and that 200 firefighters have been hired in the last 14 months in Warwick, East Providence, Providence and Pawtucket.

Blue Cross – John McCoy stated there was nothing new to report. CHFD has wrapped up their contract and they will be going with BCBS Healthmate on renewal in April mirroring NCFD. Jim Leonard will make arrangements for BCBS to speak to CFD.

New Business

Fire District Historical Documentation – Valley Breeze/Marcia Greene is interested in doing a series about the districts. She is looking for pictures, stories and some history.

Public Comment – none

Next Meeting – November 25, 2013 7pm

Motion was made by Jim Leonard to adjourn.

Seconded by Gerry Dion.

Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:24